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# Computer Simulation of Decontamination Operations



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# Outline

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# Objective Problem

Minimize Time to Decontaminate a Unit

- Eliminate Bottlenecks
- Determine Necessary Queue Space
- Optimally Allocate Manpower

Arena Simulation

# Why Simulation?

- Personnel Resources:
  - Decon Platoon – 24 personnel
  - Augmentees – 32 personnel
  - Contaminated – 2/veh + Dismounts
    - 500 in simulation*
- Contamination Simulants
- Time: How many system layouts? **32+**

# System Specification

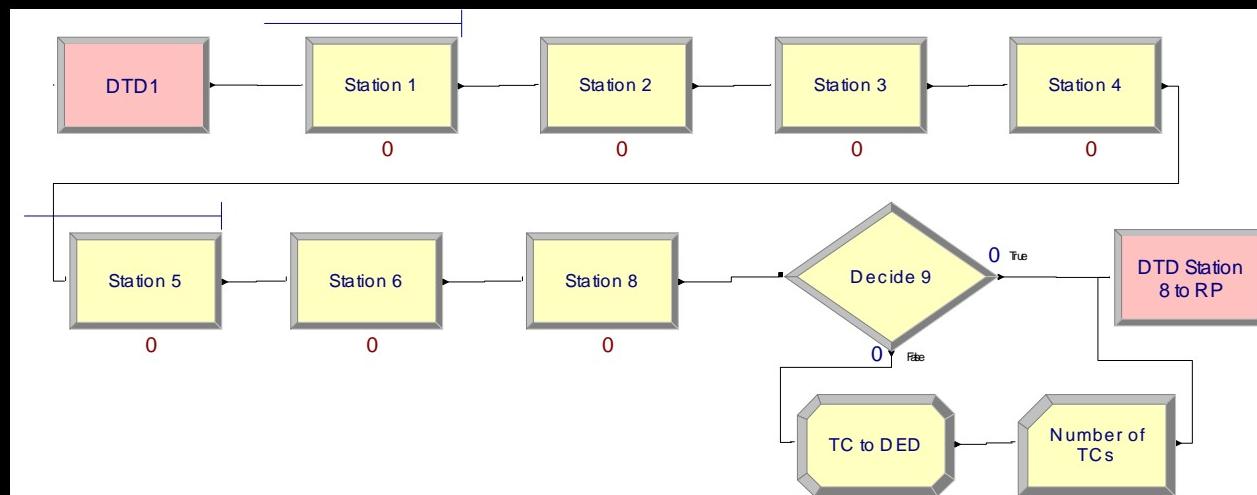
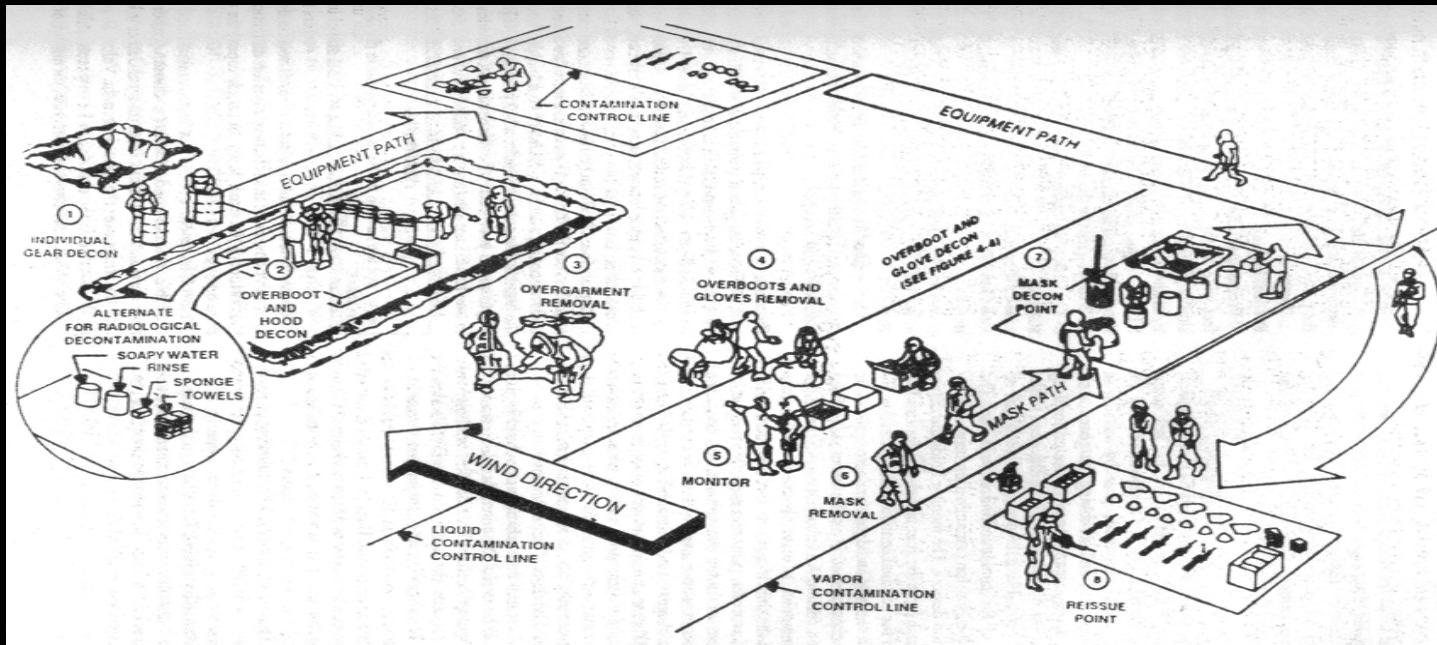
## Thorough Decontamination

- Unit Arrival
- DTD (Detailed Troop Decontamination)
- DED (Detailed Equipment Decon)
- Unit Departure

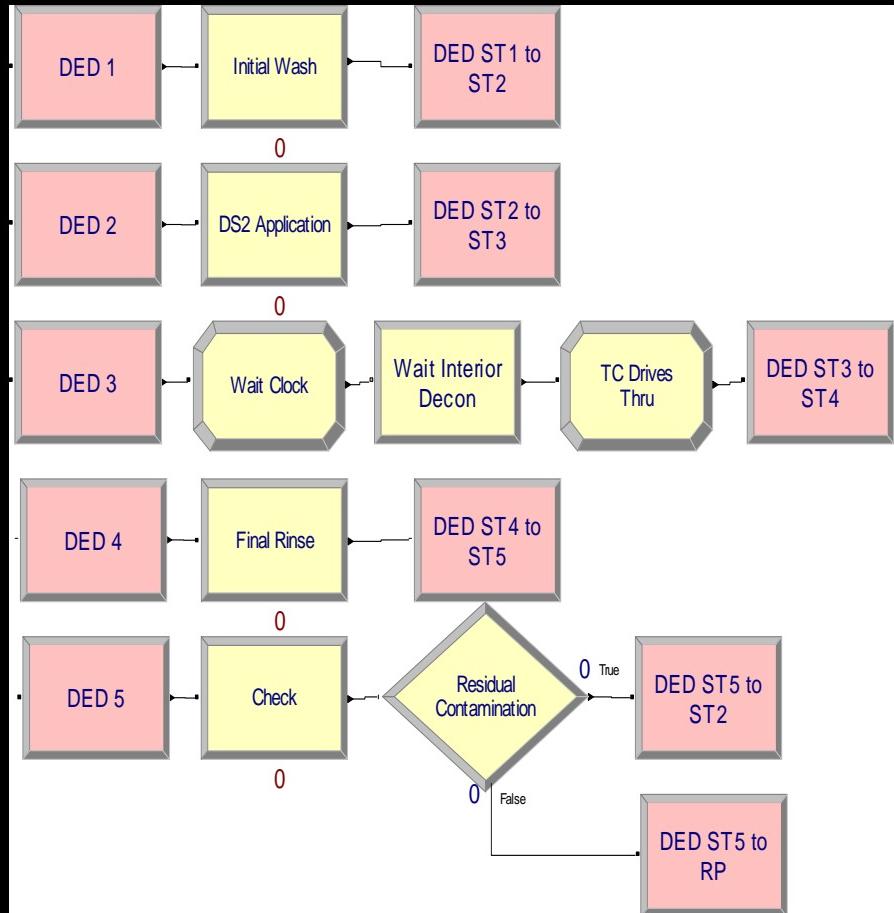
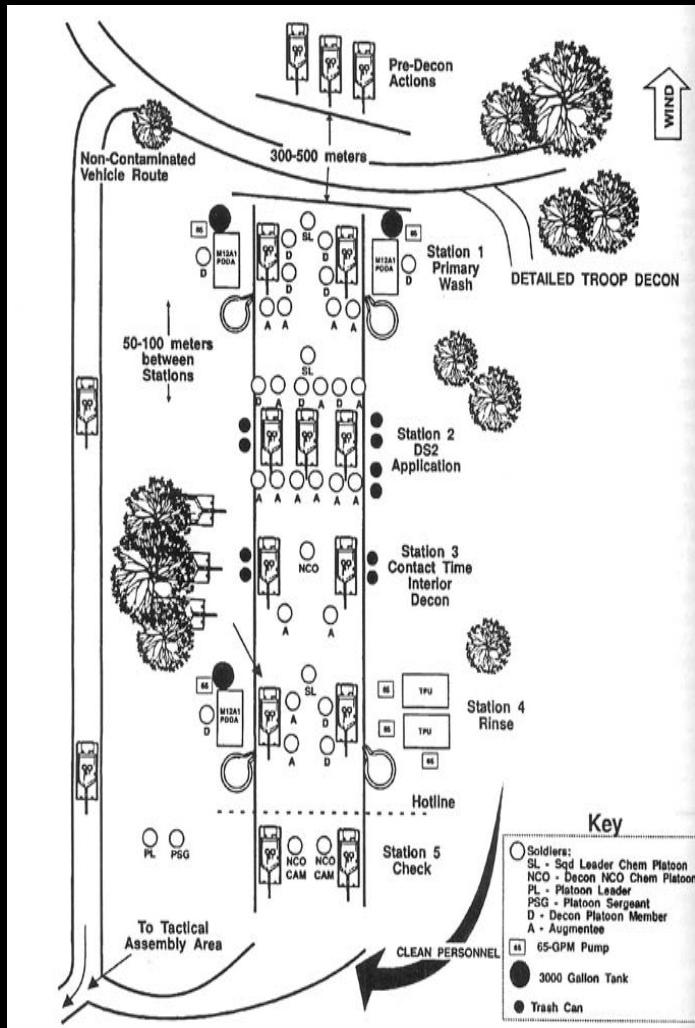
# Data to Build Simulation

- Unit Arrival: *National Training Center Rotations CY2002.*
- DTD: *Army Test & Evaluation Command (ATEC) DF200 Study Nov 2002.*
- DED: *(ATEC) DF200 Study Nov 2002.*
- Unit Departure: *No statistical distributions*

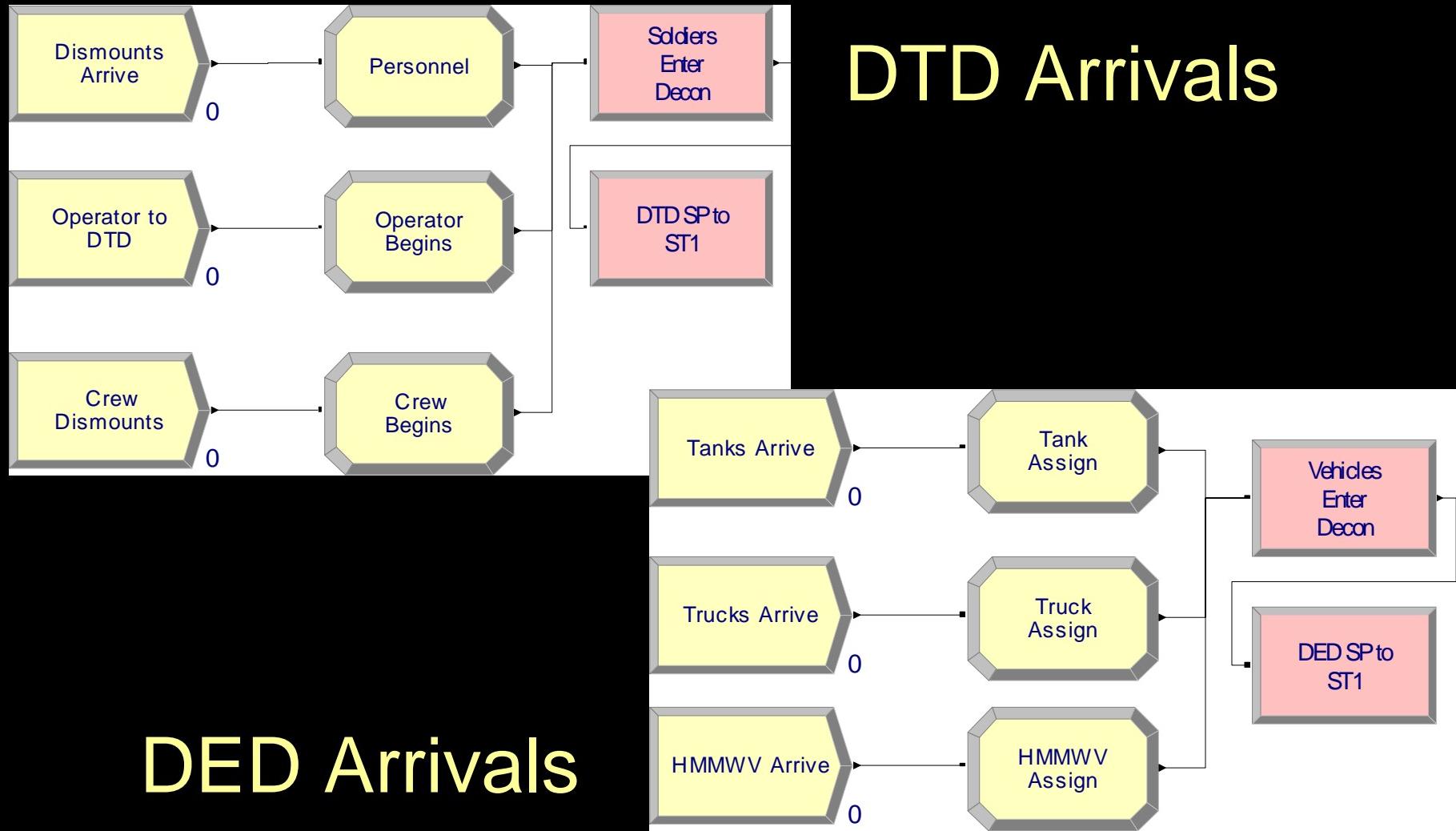
# Detailed Troop Decon



# Detailed Equipment Decon



# Unit Arrival



# Verification and Validation

## Validation

- Not Against NTC Data
- Not Against ATEC Data
- Faster Than Army Doctrine Standards

By Same Difference as in DED 2

# Experiment and Analysis

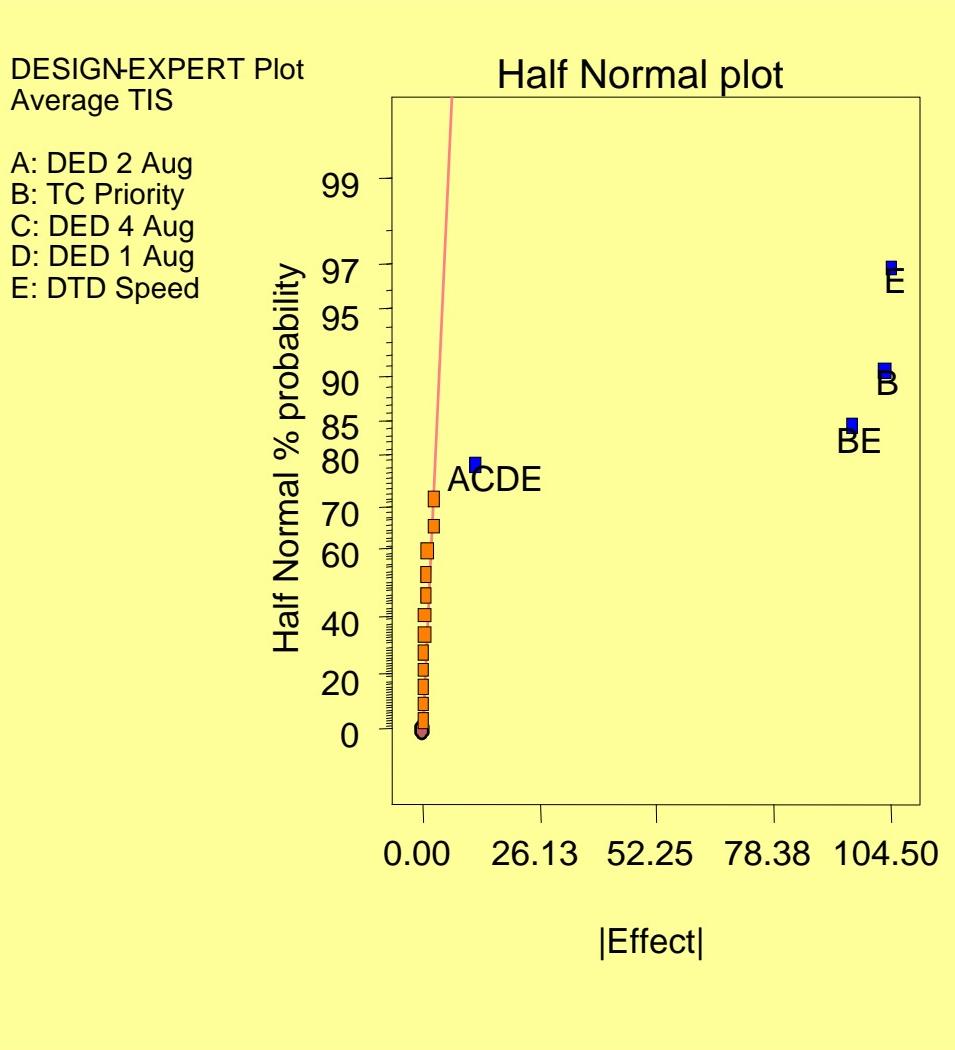
## Five Factors

- Manpower Augmentees on DED  
DED 1, DED 2, and DED 4
- Priority to Licensed Drivers
- DTD Time of 0 Minutes

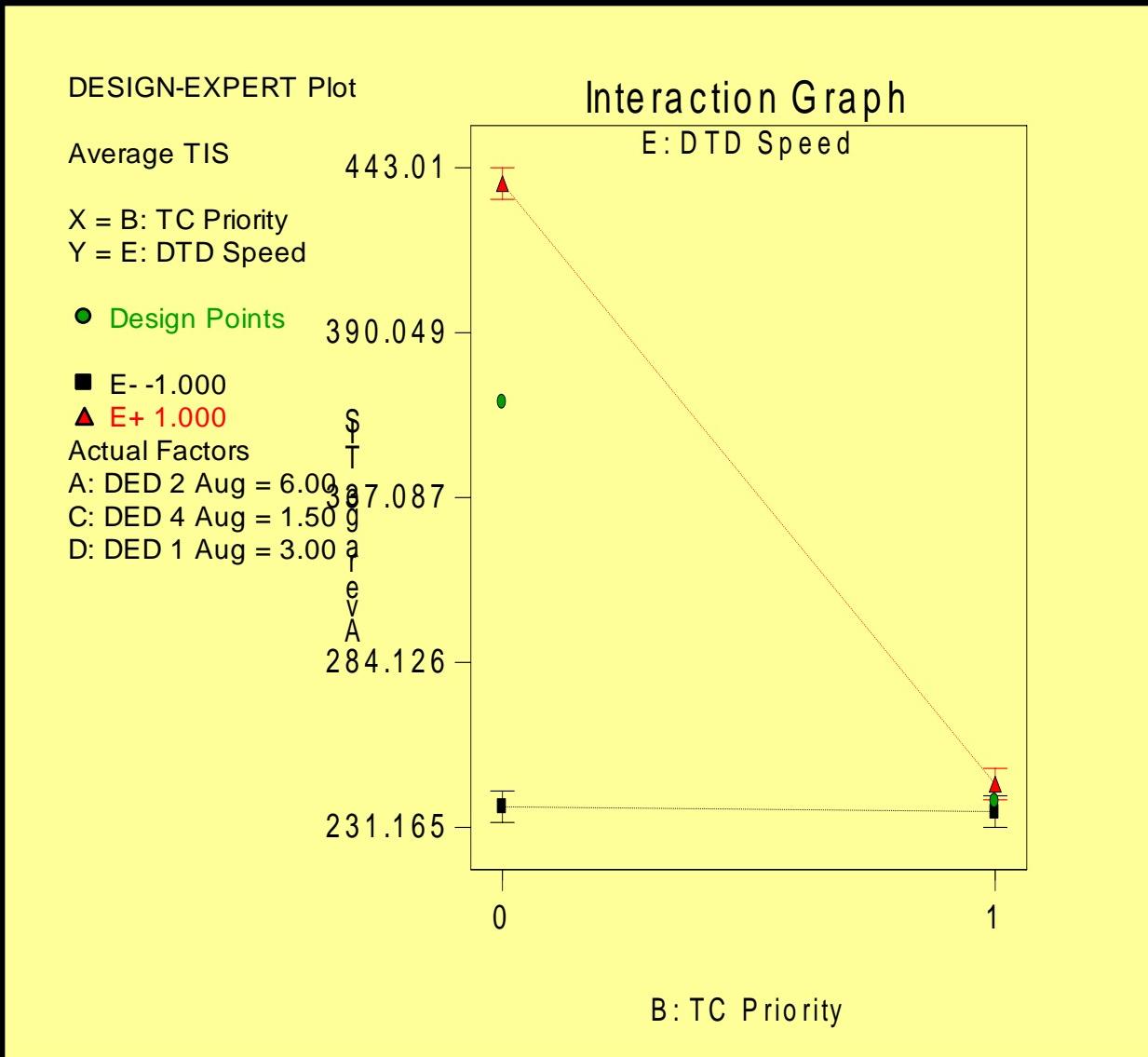
Response: Time in System, Wait Time

# Experiment and Analysis

- $2^{5-1}$  Design
- Resolution V
- 100 Duplicates
- Factors Ordered in Most Likely Effect
- B, E, and BE significant



# Experiment and Analysis



# Findings

## Reduce DTD Time

- Prioritize Licensed Drivers
- Use a Faster DTD Method
- Have Contaminated Unit Provide

Extra Clean Drivers

Queue Size at DED 3 = 3 Tanks,  
5 5-ton Trucks, and 5 HMMWVs

# **MA 206 Project #1**

Sophomore project in 4<sup>th</sup> core math course

## Differences

- Simplified (No queuing model)
- Just the DED (No Arrival/Depart/DTD)
- Modified Distributions
- No Experimental Design & Analysis
- Monte Carlo v. Discrete Event Sim.

Writing Contest: Winner accepted for publication in JUSE.

# Sensitive Equipment Decon

Decontamination of radios, NVG, digital

Three Technologies:

- 1 Item at a time: (dishwasher size) 15 min.
- Platoon's Items: (conex size) 6+ hours
- Decon Fog: size and time not determined

Must consider personnel and maint. req.

Live Experiment: 6-17 June 2005

Improve Simulation with LTC Novikov's  
Thesis 1993.

# Conclusions

- Simulation is an efficient means to evaluate proposed decontamination processes.
- Personnel decontamination is the most time consuming task, made even more difficult with SED.
- Solutions require creativity, analysis, and validation.